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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTERFERENCE TO VOA BROADCASTS ON
1196 KHZ.

REF: BONN 15592; STATE 235244

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AND STATUS CONCERNING
INTERFERENCE TO RECEPTION OF VOA ON FREQUENCY 1196 KHZ
BEING CAUSED BY SOVIET STATION IN MINSK. INFORMATION
CAN BE PROVIDED TO VON PLOETZ AS REQUESTED:

A. INTERFERENCE FIRST OBSERVED DEGRADING VOA RECEPTION
DURING JANUARY OF THIS YEAR BETWEEN 0300 TO 0730 AND
1600 TO 2200 GMT.

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B. ON JUNE 17 USG REPORTED MATTER TO ITU'S INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD (IFRB) AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 627 OF RADIO REGULATIONS, NOTING THERE IS NO IFL LISTING ON 1196 KHZ IN EUROPEAN AREA FOR SOVIET UNION. ISMANING STATION APPEARS IN IFL WITH 2A DATE OF 15 SEPTEMBER 1948 (AND ACCORDING PARAGRAPH 607 RADIO REGULATIONS "SHALL HAVE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL INTERFERENCE").

C. IN RESPONSE TO IFRB REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON INTERFERENCE LEVELS IN VOA SERVICE AREA, USG PROVIDED FOLLOWING ON JULY 2: NIGHT MEASUREMENTS SHOW MINSK TRANSMITTER 12 DECIBELS BELOW ISMANING SIGNAL AT WARSAW, 14 DB BELOW AT HAMBURG, 22 DB BELOW AT FRANKFURT.

D. ON JULY 31 IFRB NOTIFIED USG THAT IT HAS "COMMUNICATED COPIES OF YOUR TELEGRAMS, ALONG WITH A COVERING LETTER, TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE USSR INVITING THAT ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE STEPS, IN COOPERATION WITH YOU, SO AS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM OF HARMFUL INTERFERENCE".

E. USSR HAS NOT YET CONTACTED USG ON THIS MATTER AND INTERFERENCE CONTINUES. INSTEAD, USSR HAS ATTEMPTED TO ENTER MINSK STATION IN IFL (REFERENCE IFRB CIRCULAR 1130 DATED SEPTEMBER 24). USG HAS PROTESTED THIS ACTION TO IFRB REITERATING THAT ISMANING SIGNAL SUBJECT TO CONTINUING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE.

F. REFERENCE ITU REPORT OF FIRST SESSION OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE. USG WILL REQUEST FRG TO SUBMIT REQUIREMENT FOR VOA ISMANING TRANSMITTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX F AND WOULD EXPECT FRG SUPPORT FOR CO-CHANNEL PROTECTION RATIOS CITED IN CHAPTER 5. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT USG-FRG MEETING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY.

G. IN VIEW CONTINUING SOVIET INTERFERENCE TO
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ISMANING SIGNAL AND LACK OF ACTION ON PART SOVIETS
IN RESPONSE TO IFRB COMMUNICATION, USG NOW CONSIDERING
BILATERAL ACTION WITH SOVIETS.

2. WHEN DOES FTZ EXPECT TO COMPLETE THE MONITORING
STUDY ON 1196 KHZ? KISSINGER

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